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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Puetnitz Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. At 10:30 p.m. on 29 September 1953, little night flying was practiced by aircraft which individually took off from Puetnitz airfield. At 8 a.m. on 6 October, 19 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 1 Pe-2 were counted at the field. Air activity was conducted throughout the day. There was a 1/10 to 5/10 overcast. Between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 7 October, flying was practiced. An estimated 40 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed. 1

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3. On 28 October at 4:25 p.m., 12 swept-back jet fighters took off in elements of twos. There was fair weather and good visibility. Shortly before 1 p.m. on 30 October, a Li-2 landed at the field. The aircraft again took off after 45 minutes. 1

4. At about 7:30 p.m. on 19 October, 16 boxcars with open doors were parked on the spur track to the airfield. The soldiers observed in the cars were not armed but carried suitcases and baggage. the air force soldiers would return to the USSR. On 23 October, a sizeable number of Soviet personnel had returned to the USSR. during the night of 21/22 October, new troops including a new commanding officer for the field arrived from the USSR. 3 At 2:20 p.m. on 27 October, seven railroad tank cars were shunted to the field.

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5. Trucks observed entering and leaving the field [redacted]
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6. During the afternoon of 11 November, no air activity was observed at the field. There was a closed and low ceiling. Local residents stated that, in November, air activity has been conducted only in favorable weather by aircraft flying individually and in elements of twos. On 11 November, 19 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in two groups at the field. One group was observed west of the sheep-farm and the other group east of Koeppen Mountain.

7. On 5 November, 38 jet fighter crates were being entrained in Puetnitz and shipped away on two trains toward Frankfurt/Oder. Each train consisting of 19 flatcars was escorted by a large detachment of air force personnel who occupied three boxcars. [redacted]
the two trains were loaded with full crates [redacted]

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8. A Token-type radar set which was in operation during air activity was located on an elevated point east of Koeppen Mountain, about 20 meters from the shore. About 50 meters east of this set and also close to the shore, there was a Fishnet-type radar set. The eastern extension of the runway was lighted by seven small spotlights. The inner low frequency beacon was located in the eastern flying lane, close to the Beeke brook, south of the road to the airfield, which branches off from the Dangarten-Dechowshof road. A PKV-45 DF station with a wooden cabin in the middle was located in the farther extension of the flying lane, about 1 km from the radio installation with one mast. A four-wire telephone line extended from the field via the inner low frequency beacon and the PKV-45 DF station toward Behrendshager Holz. 4

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1. [redacted] Comment. It was previously believed that two fighter regiments, including the former Soviet training regiment of the VPL, from Welzow, were stationed at Puetnitz airfield. There were several indications that the aircraft of the former training regiment were parked at the field and that an exchange of personnel occurred. The observed transfer of aircraft crates on 5 November [redacted] leads to the assumption that the crates possibly contained aircraft of the former Soviet training regiment. From the sizeable number of escorting personnel it is concluded that the crates were not empty. Further observations of the air activity and of the number of aircraft stationed at Puetnitz airfield will show whether this assumption is correct.

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2. [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. The personnel exchange was previously reported and is believed to be correct.

4. [redacted] Comment. These statements are correct and complete.
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